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Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 12:20:12 AM
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED - FW: Aquaculture in Colorado - Gold King

Great.thanks.

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The Rebeccas (R & P) and I are trying to get the Japan thing resolved and then I'll leave!!!

Tim says George Hull and others are hoping to delay next release until tomorrow. Tim is going to talk to Joan Card, who will talk to Liz Purchia, and Liz – if David O doesn't override her – will make the call to delay until tomorrow. If that changes and there is a release – Tim will call and wake you up.

Attached is the latest version of the R8 media distribution list.

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Go home. You can't get to everyone.

I will try to do the midnight release...if someone will wake me up!!!

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Sorry, my brain is getting fuzzy. I'm getting a slew of calls and emails from people who initially tried to reach Rich and am doing the best I can to try and make sure things get routed to the right place and that appropriate follow-up actions are occurring.

Any idea what is still expected tonight? I have a few more contacts to follow-up on and then will probably head home so I can get here earlier tomorrow. I'm starting to fade.

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I guess because you didn't reference USDA/Japan's inquiry I didn't know they were related without reading it closely.

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Importance: High

Paula:

Follow-up email from Rebecca Perrin re: Aquaculture. She stopped by and asked that this also be shared with those in Durango who are addressing agricultural issues.

This also needs to be routed to the correct individuals in the Unified Command.

Thanks,

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From: Perrin, Rebecca
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Laura,

Yesterday, at an unrelated meeting, Kendra Holmes, President of the Colorado Aquaculture Association (303-697-5486 X1000), let me know that she is aware of two aquaculture operations in the animas river area. She has inquiries out to their members to find out if any of them are

having issues or need support. She said she believes that both operations are using well water and were not pulling from the Animas River for their operations but she is not sure where they get their well water from or how close these operations are to the River.

I spoke with her again today, and she said that after our meeting she reached out again to Patrick Goddard (970-779-2713) who is the Southwest Representative for their association and on their Board. His farm is located in Durango and he is also a veterinarian. She said he would be the best person to talk to about how many operations are in the area; what kind of systems they run (flow through or recirculation); if their operations use springs or wells. She said that most of their members raise fish for recreational purposes but some raise their fish for food consumption. She is not sure what the farms in this area are doing. The only fish processing facilities she is aware of are located in Canon City and Alamosa areas. Then she thinks there are some in Denver too, but she would have to research this to find out more. She said this is the busiest time of the year for the fish farms in the state so she is not surprised that she has not heard back from Patrick on her inquires. She said she has many concerns/questions but the one of most importance to her after water quality is do these operations have enough water quantity supply. She said the aquaculture farms in this area struggle to find enough water to begin with, so how are they doing on supply? Do they have enough to get them through this emergency or is their access to water being impaired with others needed it for drinking and stock watering.

I also reached out to Wayne East at the Colorado Department of Agriculture (303-697-5486), who permits aquaculture facilities in CO to see if I can figure out where these farms are located. The list on the website dated 4/17/15 is not the most current. The operations below are permitted facilities. However, there could be unpermitted facilities in the area. To be unpermitted the facility would be a closed system. Which means systems that use a well or municipal water and do not discharge to waters of the state do not require a permit.

I hope this additional information helps the PIO contact for ag in Durango related to the Japanese government's question.

Please let me know if I can be of any other assistance.

Rebecca Perrin

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